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Glen Canyon News Release

Glen Canyon Secures Funding for Additional Invasive Mussel Prevention

Page, Ariz. – Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA) Superintendent Stan Austin announced today that over \$100,000 in emergency funding from the National Park Service (NPS) has been secured to expand zebra/quagga mussel prevention efforts at Lake Powell. The additional funding will augment existing prevention efforts by adding park staff to launch ramps, providing educational materials, and expanding after-hours inspection and decontamination of boats.

A full-time program coordinator will be hired to ensure the smooth operation of Glen Canyon's mussel interdiction efforts. The close collaboration between NPS entrance station, dispatch, and law enforcement staff along with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, ARAMARK/Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas, and Antelope Point Marina personnel who inspect and decontaminate the boats is critical to keeping these invasive mussels out of Lake Powell.

These additional measures were deemed necessary by park officials to prevent zebra/quagga mussels from becoming established in Lake Powell. Currently, Lake Powell and the upper Colorado River are believed to be free of zebra/quagga mussels. However, invasive mussels still pose a major threat to Lake Powell if they are introduced. Park personnel and partners remain committed to keeping zebra/quagga mussels out of Lake Powell; the additional funding will greatly aid in those efforts.

Primary partners in the fight to keep invasive mussels out of Lake Powell include ARAMARK/Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas, Antelope Point Holdings, and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. Additional partners include the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Arizona Department of Transportation, Arizona Department of Game and Fish, the City of Page, Page-Lake Powell Tourism Bureau, Navajo Generating Station, Glen Canyon Natural History Association, Lake Powell Yacht Club, and Friends of Lake Powell.

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